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Essay Prompt Prep

Follow the instructions below to prepare for this essay prompt.

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) **Read** and **REREAD** the prompt below.
- 2) **Write** out a plan on the back that outlines your response to this question.

Step #1: Read and Reread the Prompt

Remember: Underline the most important words in the prompt as you reread it.

You have read the children's stories *The Sneetches* and *Freedom Summer*. The authors of both books, Dr. Seuss and Deborah Wiles, focus their stories on similar themes.

In this essay, you need to:

1. **Identify** the theme that is shown in both books.
 - "Theme" = big message the author wants to get across to their readers
2. **Analyze** how the author portrays the theme in both books.
 - How does Dr. Seuss show this theme?
 - How does Deborah Wiles show this theme?
3. **Choose** which author portrays the theme more effectively.

STEP #2: PLAN YOUR ESSAY

Use the space below to plan out a response to the essay prompt. You do not need to write the essay; you only need to outline it.

Introduction

What is the theme in both books?

Which author portrayed the theme better?

Body Paragraph #1

How does Dr. Seuss portray the theme in *The Sneetches*?

- *Evidence #1:*

- Tell-Me-More Sentence(s) for Evidence #1:

- *Evidence #2:*

- Tell-Me-More Sentence(s) for Evidence #2:

- Conclusion Sentence:

Body Paragraph #2

How does Deborah Wiles portray the theme in Freedom Summer?

- *Evidence #1:*

- Tell-Me-More Sentence(s) for Evidence #1:

- *Evidence #2:*

- Tell-Me-More Sentence(s) for Evidence #2:

- Conclusion Sentence:

(back)

Conclusion

Which author portrays the theme more effectively? Explain why you think so in three to four (3-4) sentences. Evidence is not necessary for the conclusion, but you can include some if you would like.

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